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Muskie Alumna Hosts a Group of Journalists from Central Asia in the United States



Muskie Alumna Nisso Rahmonova-Stanley and Dan Stanley host visiting Central Asians

On February 14 Nisso Rahmonova-Stanley (Muskie '04) hosted a group of journalists from Central Asia who were invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program. The participants from Tajikistan and Uzbekistan met with American media experts, government officials, and academics to learn about political coverage in the United States and to explore issues of accountability and social responsibility within the media. The four Central Asians visited American families as part of the program's cultural component. "I wanted to host my countrymen and show them how Tajik families live in the United States," Rahmonova-Stanley said. "My goal is to strengthen the bridge between Tajik and American people." She cooked a traditional Tajik meal and provided lots of black tea, something that guests missed a lot during their three-week professional development trip. Rahmonova-Stanley says that it was nice to have Tajik atmosphere in the house combined with an American touch. "At one point it felt like we should have had "kurpachas" and sit on the floor," she joked.

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Embassy Upcoming Events

April 9, 2009

**The U.S. Embassy opens the American Corner
in Qurghon-Teppa**

Location: Educational Center "Sworde-Teppa", 25 Behzod
Street

Time: 10:30 a.m.

May 15, 2009

The U.S. Embassy presents David Korevaar, pianist

Location: Tajik Conservatory

Time: 18:00 p.m.

May 18-25, 2009

The U.S. Embassy will host a visit of Brenda Flanagan, a professor of English and the Coordinator of Ethnic Studies at Davidson College, South Carolina. Professor Flanagan will perform original prose pieces and present lectures in ethnic studies at universities and the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Library Managers Share Their Ideas On How To Improve The Tajik Library Sector



Safar Shosaidov, alumnus of the USAID Community Connections program, Tajikistan

Tajik librarians who recently returned from the United States organized a press conference for representatives of the library sector, the Ministry of Culture, mass media and international organizations. At the conference, the Community Connections alumni presented their recommendations on improving the quality of Tajik libraries on a national level. Organizers were eloquent about steps that needed to be taken to revolutionize Tajikistan's libraries. This was made possible as a result of the librarians' visit to United States, where they performed internships at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln as a part of the USAID Community Connections program. The program provided an excellent opportunity for Tajik librarians to observe the best practices of U.S. libraries, which they are already enthusiastically advocating for adoption here in their native country. The press conference, entitled *Observation and Application of U.S. Library Management*

Experience in Tajik Public Libraries, took place at the National Library of Tajikistan. At the conference, alumni shared many aspects of the knowledge they gained in the U.S. with their colleagues. They touched upon issues such as the lack of financing in the library sector in Tajikistan, which results in insufficient access to information by Tajiks. Also, the alumni drew attention to the need to change the attitude of local librarians toward their own profession. "Librarians are community leaders," said Toshef Sharif, director of the National Library and a Community Connections alumnus. "Librarian leadership was the main focus of our study in the US, and we think it is something which needs to be applied here in Tajikistan."

In addition, librarians addressed the general public, declaring a need to change the culture of library use in Tajikistan by introducing children to libraries around the same time they learn how to take their first steps. Community Connections alumni also talked about various activities libraries have for children in the U.S. "We also need arrange similar activities here, in order to encourage people to bring their children to libraries," said Rustam Yarbabaev, Director of the Tajik State University Library.

"There is a special emphasis on working with disabled people in US libraries" said Shosaidov Safar, Department Head at the Tajik Ministry of Culture and a Community Connections finalist.

Grant Writing Seminar



On February 2, 2009 over fifteen ECA alumni, mid-career professionals from local NGOs and undergraduate students had an opportunity to learn proposal writing and project design techniques presented by Bakhtiyor Isoev (UGRAD '06) at the American Corner in Khujand and supported by IREX Tajikistan in the framework of alumni programming. The purpose of the seminar was to familiarize participants with the basic principles of designing a project and writing successful grant applications

to Alumni Small Grant Program and Project Smile . Seminar participants learned about donor mapping and finding grant opportunities, how to formulate a project idea and writing the actual proposal. Following the seminar, ECA alumni from Sughd Region and undergraduate university students gathered at the Khujand Bowling Center on February 3 to watch the movie "High School Musical" in English and to discuss January updates and make plans for the month of February and March. A special guest at this movie screening was David Holzmeyer, the U.S. Embassy's English Language Fellow, who along with Isoev led a fruitful discussion of the movie. The movie screening was an opportunity for IREX staff to introduce educational programs administered both by IREX and international educational organizations operating in Tajikistan. Oyshakhon Eshonova (UGRAD '07), Mahfuza Sobitova (UGRAD '07) and Isoev discussed possible ideas with other Sugd Region FLEX alumni for collaborative alumni service trips and activities to continue their commitment to community service.

Communication Skills Training

On February 23, IREX Tajikistan presented Communication Skills Training in Lyceum #1 in Chkalovsk city. This training was led by Bakhtiyor Isoev, (UGRAD '06) and facilitated by Nina Novikova, (TEA '08). The training was attended by 20 pupils from gymnasium #1 and lyceum #1 in Chkalovsk. The purpose of the training was to give pupils a chance to learn effective communication methods through interactive role plays and educational activities. Certificates of participation were handed out to all participants and IREX staff encouraged the students to seek out all educational opportunities offered by international NGOs and educational institutions.

Time and Money Management Presentation

Mukhlisa Parpieva (UGRAD '07) remains committed and continues to develop herself professionally. On January 25, Parpieva conducted a “*Time and Money Management*” presentation for high school students in Isfara. Over 15 students came together to use this opportunity to learn time and money management techniques from this UGRAD alumna, whose U.S. experience taught her that time and money are highly valued. Parpieva helped students understand time management techniques and how they work in practice. “By conducting the presentation, I have discovered that this kind of presentation can be one of the ways of helping high school students get ready for college life,” Parpieva said. In addition, participants in the presentation welcomed the opportunity to share ideas and freely express their thoughts.



“I have come to such conclusion that the more we organize such events, the more we contribute to our society by supporting schoolchildren and youth,” Parpieva said.

Charity Bowling Game



Farangis Nozimzoda (FLEX '07), Malika Khakimova (FLEX '04) and Ardasher Khashimov (FLEX '08) helped organized a Charity Bowling Game to fundraise money for the Vakhdat elderly house on January 31. The administration of “King Pin” bowling club agreed to donate 40 percent of the profits from the day of the event to the alumni’s cause. Two weeks before the event, alumni start the publicity campaign around Dushanbe. Announcements were hung all over the city, and alumni prepared flyers gave them out on the streets. On the day of event alumni gathered in the bowling

club early in the morning and decorated it with welcome posters and posters of Vakhdat elderly house, which were drawn by Juraeva Tahmina (FLEX '08).

The event was attended by more senior alumni, including Farrukh Hamzaev (FLEX '01) Shahnoza Mansurova (FLEX '02), Firuz Oyev (FLEX '02), Timur Rakhimov (FLEX '02) and Nadejda Tretyakova (FLEX '95). Senior alumni were introduced to fresh alumni and shared their experience with them and gave suggestions on alumni events. Afterwards, senior alumni played against fresh alumni and the match ended with a tied score. Alumni continued their interaction during the lunch at restaurant close to bowling club.

By the end of the day, alumni collected around \$50, but the most important part of event was that it provide an opportunity to strength the alumni community.

Trip To Elderly House



On February 1, FLEX alumni gathered near the “Sudbarg” supermarket to buy groceries for their visit to Vakhdat elderly house. The groceries were purchased with funds raised through the charity bowling Game. While Ruhavzun Jalili (FLEX '08), Farangis Nozimzoda (FLEX '07) and Sitara Kasimova (FLEX '06), went shopping, other alumni gathered with donated warm clothes, collected from the clothes drive campaign.

After alumni arrived, they immediately distributed responsibilities. Some alumni started preparing meals in the kitchen, and others began interacting with residents. Firuz Oyev (FLEX '02), Rukhshona Safarova (FLEX '01) and Timur Rakhimov (FLEX '02) arrived with three hairdressers from the Schwarzkopf Professional Salon, who had agreed with alumni to donate their time to this event. While the hairdressers cut hair, alumni performed manicures on residents. This activity brought a lot of fun and joy to the men and women who live in the center. The alumni and the hair dressers also visited immobile residents in their rooms, performing haircuts and manicures there. Meanwhile, other alumni were busy preparing meals, cutting salads and setting up tables.

For lunch, alumni prepared shurbo for 85 current residents of the center. After serving in the kitchen, alumni visited bed-ridden residents and served food and sweets to them as well. Residents like the dishes prepared by alumni, and invited them to serve in their kitchen regularly. Following the lunch, alumni were went one by one to all rooms and distributed clothes to residents. Alumni also prepared special gifts for newly married couples who met in the center. The day concluded with thanks from the residents and lots of pictures.

Community Service Clean-Up Event at Orphanage #1



Khurshed Tajibaev (UGRAD '05), Mahfuza Sobitova (UGRAD '07), Global UGRAD 2009 semi-finalists, representatives of Youth Group for Protection of the Environment (YGPE), students from American Corner in Khujand, and English Language Fellow David Holzmeyer, (who has been teaching English on a volunteer basis at the American Corner in Khujand) gathered at Orphanage #1 in Khujand to perform community service activities and hand out collected toys. The cleanup event was organized by IREX Tajikistan in the framework of its alumni programming. On February 14, Valentine's Day, David with his students, Mahfuza Sobitova (UGRAD 07) and Madina Pulatova, American Corner coordinator, initiated a toy drive called "Bring Love to Orphans". A big box of toys and candies collected at American Corner was distributed among orphans of the orphanage. On that day, UGRAD alumni and all volunteers were split into several service groups. One group started working planting the garden and cleaning it from trash. Another group volunteered to remove a tree stump from the playground. It took volunteers over an hour to get this stump out. Two hours later, when the children woke from their nap, the volunteers visited with the orphans and handed out toys and candy. At the end of the service day, the director thanked all volunteers and encouraged them to come more often and make the orphans smile.

Clothing Donations Delivered to Local Orphanage

Earlier in the month of December, UGRAD and Muskie alumni, in an effort to help low-income people living outside of Dushanbe, ran the **Annual Clothing Donation Drive** for elderly homes, orphanages and boarding schools in Sugd Region. As a result of this drive, eight large boxes of donated items such as warm clothing, toys and blankets were collected, which were sorted and delivered by ECA alumni to Dehmoy Home for Elderly and Disabled People on February 2. Contributors included U.S. Embassy staff, representatives of the Asian Development Bank, UGRAD and MUSKIE alumni and many ordinary citizens living in Dushanbe. ECA alumni ensured that each orphan received a donated item by handing different items to orphans and making sure that they are happy with it. Orphans were very thankful and happy. Alumni were able to make a little difference in their lives and bring them hope and some help.



TV Show “Zalotaya Stezya”



On January 23, Farangis Nozimzoda (FLEX '07), Malika Khakimova (FLEX '04), Ardasher Khashimov (FLEX '08) and Musharaf Solieva (FLEX '04) participated in television show “Zalotaya Stezya” for the national television channel Safina. The topic of the show was “Left children.” Alumni were invited as guest speakers who experienced working with the children from orphanages and disabled houses. Topics included the reasons parents abandon their their children and the challenges orphans face.

Alumni actively participated in the discussion and represented the point of view of orphans, based on their experience. Many audience members did not know that students conduct volunteer work in their own communities. With their stories, alumni inspired other people from the audience to take action.

Charity Valentine's Day Party



On February 13, more than 30 FLEX alumni, together with their friends, gathered at the American Councils office to participate in charity party, dedicated to St. Valentine's Day. Shoir Pulatova (FLEX'08), Zurab Doidkhudoev (FLEX '07), Bakhrom Ismoilov (FLEX '05) and Farangis Nozimzoda (FLEX '07) decorated the office with hearts and balloons earlier that day. Guests were welcomed to enjoy snacks and drinks, while other guests were dancing on the dance floor. The party included interesting games, which alumni and their friends enjoyed a lot. The event ended with delicious chicken nuggets prepared by Shifo Sharafzoda (FLEX '07). This event was a great example how alumni can combine alumni networking events and make them helpful to the community.

Open World Alumna Success Story



Asomuddin Atoev, Director of Public Fund “Civil Internet Policy Initiative” participated in the Open World Program on “Economic Development: Internet Technology” in March 2008. Upon his return to Tajikistan, Atoev gave the interview to a Tajik newspaper about his travel to the United States, the Open World program and the Tajik Tea House in Boulder, which Atoev visited during his trip. In May, Atoev held a meeting with the deputy chairman of Dushanbe. During the meeting, Atoev shared his impressions about the travel, Tajik Tea House in Boulder and lessons in managing the Tea House that can be applied to the Boulder Cyber Café in Dushanbe. In April 2008, Atoev had a meeting with Scott Raderstorf, a IT Specialist from Boulder. Atoev provided Raderstorf with informational and technical consultations on the Internet communication technologies market in Tajikistan. In July 2008, Atoev had several meetings with Ryan Morgan, a journalist from Boulder. Providing interpretation, Atoev arranged cultural events and tours for Morgan and conducted a survey on Tajikistan’s Internet needs. In September 2008, Atoev had several meetings with the visiting Boulder delegation. Particularly, he worked with Peter Stoller, who was directly involved in Boulder Cyber Café construction in Dushanbe. As a result of joint work, the café’s design was improved and its construction was successfully completed on time.

First Person: Changing Worldviews



Jamshed Bafaev, alumnus of the USAID Community Connection program, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

As a young man, Jamshed Bafaev (Community Connections '07) appreciated German cars more than most others. He spent a lot of time studying German cars in detail, and read books and journals dedicated specifically to them. Later, after graduating from school, he started to work with cars, with a focus on German cars. He knew them well enough to work comfortably with their repair and maintenance. Only a year ago, Jamshed planned to immigrate to Germany, where he had been invited to work for a car servicing company. In the meantime, however, Jamshed applied for the USAID Community Connections program, which offered the opportunity for small and medium enterprise owners to

participate in a business internship in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was selected to participate in the program, and the experience was unique and transformative.

Once Jamshed returned to Tajikistan from the United States his viewpoint – on leaving Tajikistan, on cars, and on his future – changed drastically.

Jamshed said that living with his American host family changed his worldview considerably. “It was amazing to see how American people appreciate their country, heritage, friends, and neighbors,” he says. “They work hard and try hard to improve America.” Jamshed was touched to see the commitment of so many people working to make their country a better place. “I learned this life lesson from them and, after this experience, I came back with a different attitude toward Tajikistan,” he says. He discussed with his family his decision to stay and work in Tajikistan, and they supported him. “My roots are here. Maybe in four years we won’t have the problems of electricity cuts...but for now we just need to commit our time and efforts to this country.”

After his return to Tajikistan, Jamshed’s business expanded to provide service for American cars. He purchased new equipment and opened a separate unit in his auto shop for American cars. “I was hesitant to work with American cars before my trip to the United States; I did not have any experience with them, and did not feel comfortable working on them,” he says. After working for a repair shop in Kalamazoo, he became more knowledgeable and confident in his work with American cars. During follow-up activities and meetings between Community Connection program alumni, he distributed his business cards to owners of American cars, such as U.S. Embassy personnel, and many of them now utilize his workshop for their car repair needs. “My business is growing,” Jamshed notes, “and Community Connections contributed to this growth. However, the biggest contribution of the program is the new friends among program participants, who I meet with and do business with, and friends in the United States. My host family who

is dear to me, and is going to visit me in Tajikistan next year.” Most importantly, Jamshed sees his future in helping his country recover after the many disasters it has endured recently. “We need to work and make Tajikistan a better place,” he says.

Hubert H. Humphrey Alumna Success Story

During her Hubert Humphrey fellowship, Gulru Azamova studied public administration at the municipal level at the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She had her professional affiliation at the Municipalities of Carrboro Town, North Carolina, and Champaign, Illinois. Additionally, she received a Certificate on Non-profit Management from Duke University, North Carolina.



Since returning to Tajikistan, Azamova has carried out the Project on Promoting Local Social and Economic Development Forecasting Promotion in Tajikistan. This is a cross-border project developed by Azamova and Sheradil Baktygulov, (Humphrey '08), from Kyrgyzstan. They drafted the project proposal based on their experiences in their home countries and new knowledge received at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The project was supported by the Open Society Institute Local Governance Initiative in Hungary. The project's expected result is to elaborate recommendations on how to improve the performance and forecasting methodology based on functional analysis conducted of pilot socio and economic forecasting units at the local level. Azamova also helped establish the Center for Municipal Development (CMD), a local non-profit organization. CMD's mission is to facilitate sustainable economic, geopolitical, political, legal, social, informational and intellectual development of cities and districts of Tajikistan. CMD closely works with local governments on new local socio-economic plans and programs. Currently, three socio-economic plans in Zeravshan valley are being updated based on the newly proposed methodology.

Open World Alumna Success Story

Rukhshod Ashurbekova, Director of Tajik NGO “Sano” participated in Open World Program on water management” in March 2008. As a part of the program, Ashurbekova had a meeting with representative of Winrock International in Little Rock, Arkansas. Upon her return to Tajikistan, Ashurbekova initiated a meeting in Dushanbe with the head of the Winrock International Water Users Association Program in Tajikistan regarding possible cooperation in Ashurbekova’s home region of GBAO. Upon her return to GBAO, Ashurbekova had a meeting with representatives of Aga Khan Foundation/MSDSP in Tajikistan. As a result of meetings, Winrock and AKF organized training of trainers courses for water users in GBAO. As a local expert, Ashurbekova developed a module the courses for water users.



After successfully completing the courses, Ashurbekova became a trainer. She conducted six seminars in GBAO focused on establishing water users associations, and effective water usage and management, financed by AKF. Ashurbekova conducted a survey on the necessity of water users association establishment in Rushan and Ishkashim. That led to funding from AKF for to found these associations. Moreover, Ashurbekova conducted a survey on problems of water use as the head of an initiative group in GBAO. Based on the survey results, NGO “Sano” allocated the funds for connecting houses to water mains.

Currently, Ashurbekova is working on her project proposal on leadership training for rural young women. She says her trip to the United States and participation in the Open World program equipped her with new ideas, improved her outlook and inspired her professional plans for the future.

Hubert H. Humphrey Alumna Success Story



Ali Akinci, Rotary District Governor 2430 (right), Hands Over to Alisher Latipov, President of the Rotary Club of Dushanbe 2006-2007 (left), the Certificate of Acceptance of the Rotary Club of Dushanbe to the Rotary International during his visit to Tajikistan

Alisher Latipov was selected in 2002 as the first participant from Tajikistan to ever participate in the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship program. In the United States, he was placed at the Johns Hopkins University, where he completed an academic degree course in health sciences and a professional development program at the Department of Mental Health. He was affiliated with a NIDA-supported researcher and spent his six-month internship working on developing a behavioural and infectious disease study in Tajikistan and establishing the first bioethical committee at the Ministry of Health of Tajikistan, which was recognized under the U.S. nationwide assurance.

Upon his return to Tajikistan, Latipov coordinated a research project on HIV prevalence and risk behaviors among intravenous drug users in Dushanbe. In 2004, he was awarded the Humphrey Alumni Impact Award in support of his project on analyzing unintended consequences of the new psychotropic substances regulations in Tajikistan. In 2004-2005 he was the head of the Project Implementation Unit on reduction

of domestic violence in Tajikistan and coordinated a general population study on violence against women in the Khatlon region. In 2006 Latipov focused on reforming mental health services and established a country office of Global Initiative on Psychiatry (GIP) in Tajikistan. He and his colleagues developed and managed 10 small and medium projects aiming at establishing a community-based psychiatric centre, psychosocial rehabilitation of patients institutionalized in two large hospitals, an art therapy program, psychiatric service user movement, and publication and training programs. In November 2006, he and his team organized a national conference, which brought together local and international professionals, families and patients and united them in an effort to develop a shared vision for future mental health care reform in Tajikistan. In 2007, Latipov received a fellowship from the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University College London to support his research on a history of opiates in Tajikistan in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His recent study on European encounters with opium consumers in Russian Central Asia, 1867-1917, won the Friends Prize for the best Masters' dissertation within the London Centre.

Alisher is now based at the Wellcome Trust Centre as a doctoral student and plans to finish his first book in 2010. He has published his articles in peer-reviewed journals and is the author of the Tajikistan Mental Health Country Profile, the 2005 Tajikistan Annual Drug Report, and the UNODC-commissioned review of HIV prevention and drug demand reduction strategies, policies and programs in Tajikistan. To read his recent paper on HIV/AIDS in Tajikistan at the China and Eurasia Forum Quarterly please visit

<http://www.isdp.eu/files/publications/cefq/08/al0shivtajikistan.pdf>

Alumni News

Manzura Makhkamova (Muskie '03)

Manzura Makhkamova, director of Khujand-based Legacy Consulting, participated in a four-day training-of-trainers course on Core Consultancy Skills in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, in February. The training was sponsored by a UK-based consulting company Elevation Learning and a European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Program. As a result of this training, Makhkamova will now deliver training courses for all those who wish to acquire core consultancy skills and start consulting businesses in Tajikistan.

Makhmadova also travelled to Moscow in February for ProdExpo 2009 as a small and medium enterprise expert in the GTZ-funded project "Support to Small and Medium Enterprises in Tajikistan." She accompanied five fruit and vegetable processing enterprises from Tajikistan to help them better represent their products at the show. Tajik products, and dried fruits in particular, were in high demand among Russian and foreign consumers. Upon return from Moscow, local companies, with support from Manzura, are following up on negotiations with potential buyers.

Mahfuza Sobitova (UGRAD '07)

Energetic UGRAD alumna Mahfuza Sobitova majoring in Chemistry at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Khujand State University, initiated elementary English language classes for the students of her faculty at the American Corner in Khujand. These classes started on February 21, 2009 and more than ten students from different parts of Sugd currently attend this class. The American Corner helped her with venue for her classes and Mahfuza herself volunteered to supply her classes with all necessary educational and hand-out materials. Mahfuza believes that modern scientists have to know elementary English in order to keep current with modern developments in this sphere.

Gulchehra Khamidova (TEA '05)

Khamidova formed a team of high-school students to participate in the "Doors to Diplomacy" web site competition project announced by the U.S. Department of State. The group of high-school students from secondary school #4 currently conducts research work on the benefits of hand washing with soap. They will study relevant materials from various sources, including the Internet and books. They will also interview sanitary service professionals and people from the local community. As a result of this research, Khamidova's team will develop and launch a website in order to raise awareness on this important habit, which can protect people from many dangerous diseases. To learn more about "Doors to Diplomacy" project, please visit

www.doorstodiplomacy.com.

Tojiddin Khaitov (TEA '07)

Khaitov, who teaches English language in school #9 in Qurghon-Teppa, was selected by the Ministry of Education for its attestation committee as an evaluation expert to evaluate high-schools in the city. In addition to this, Khaitov's class won "The Best Class of the School" award. Furthermore, Khaitov is proud of his student who received a mayor's scholarship for being an active and outstanding student of the 6th form. Finally, another student of Khaitov's who is studying in the 10th grade won first place in a regional Olympiad on computer technology.

Zarina Juraeva (Humphrey '08)

Juraeva received an Impact Alumni Award from the Institute for International Education to implement a small project on HIV/AIDS prevention among street and working children, will be implemented through Save the Children and the Resource Centre under the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection. She plans to conduct a number of trainings for social workers as well as working children themselves. The HIV/AIDS prevention campaign will be implemented in May-June 2009.

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American Corners Tajikistan



American Corners are partnerships between the Public Affairs sections of United States Embassies and host institutions. They provide access to current and reliable information from and about the United States via book collections, the Internet, and through local programming to the general public overseas or abroad.

Sponsored jointly by a U.S. embassy and a host country organization, an American Corner serves as an information outpost similar to a public library. The multi-media, book and periodical collections are open and accessible. Where possible, associated reading or meeting rooms are made available to host program events and activities (i.e. author readings, speaker programs, films, workshops, meetings, and exhibits). The fundamental function of the American Corner is to make information about the United States available to foreign publics at large.

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There are three American Corners currently functioning in Tajikistan in Dushanbe, Khujand, and Kulob and two more to be opened soon in Khorog and Qurghon-Teppa.

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